

Weekly Status and Information Report: Week of March 25-29, 2013

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of March 25, 2013:

- City Council meeting, Monday, April 1, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, Thursday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. in the Lilac Room

Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public. To confirm that a meeting will be held as scheduled, call the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or email jessiec@takomagov.org. (City Clerk)

2. Public Hearing on Proposed Charter Amendment (SAVE THE DATE): The City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. The proposed amendment to the Charter is titled "Voting and Elections." The proposed amendment would (1) adjust qualifications for voting; (2) set a minimum age for serving as Mayor or Councilmember; (3) lower the voting age to 16; (4) eliminate or reduce the 30 day City residency requirement for being qualified to vote in City elections; (5) provide for early voting; and (6) allow for same day voter registration. The full text of the proposed amendment will be available online at: <http://takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agenda/index.html>. Interested persons should plan to attend the public hearing and sign up to speak or submit written comments to the City Clerk at clerk@takomagov.org. (City Clerk)

3. Street Improvements: The City's contractor is repairing and replacing broken curb and gutter on a section of Trescott and 13th Avenue. If you have any question and concerns, please call us at 301-891-7633. (Public Works)

4. Bedtime Stories: Please join us for Bedtime Stories with Ms. Karen on Monday April 1 at 7:00 p.m. Great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups. No sign-up necessary. (Library)

5. Friends Big Book Group: On Tuesday April 2, the Friends Big Book Group discussions of James Joyce's "Ulysses" continues. Scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room. All welcome. (Library)

6. April 3 Mural Unveiling in Long Branch: Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., the mural "Flower Dreams" will be unveiled at 8639 Flower Avenue, in the heart of the Long Branch neighborhood. The mural is a project of the Long Branch/Flower Coalition, and the event will include remarks from Takoma Park Mayor Bruce Williams, City Council Member Jarrett Smith, and Montgomery County Council Member Valerie Ervin. All are welcome to celebrate the first of many aesthetic improvements in the Long Branch neighborhood. (Housing and Community Development)

7. Artist Talk- Friday, April 5: The artists participating in the Mathematically Inclined exhibit present their work, giving us a peak into their making of their art. Friday, April 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium (7500 Maple Ave.) Free Admission. You can also visit us at www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events (Housing and Community Development)

8. Petites Chansons: Petites Chansons with Madame Marie returns on Saturday April 6 at 10:30 a.m., freaturing songs and rhymes in French for young children. All welcome. (Library)

9. Harvard EdX pilot course on The Ancient Greek Hero: Close the distance on distance learning by joining our Harvard EdX pilot course on The Ancient Greek Hero. The on-line course has begun but you can join at any time at: tinyurl.com/tpheroes. The discussion group will begin in the Computer Center on Sunday April 7 at 12:30 p.m. Register for the discussions at : tinyurl.com/tpheroessupport (Library)

10. Annual Arbor Day Seedling Giveaway: The City of Takoma Park will celebrate Arbor Day by continuing its tradition of giving away tree seedlings on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the grounds of the Takoma Park Library. The City arborist and members of the Tree Commission will be on hand to help residents select seedlings and answer questions about trees. If you have any questions and concerns, please call the City Arborist at 301-891-7612. (Public Works)

11. Library and Computer Center Open on Sundays: Beginning May 5, both the Library and Computer Center will be open every Sunday from 12 noon to 5 pm. (Library)

12. Multi-way Boulevard Feasibility Study Moves Ahead: City Planning staff, with consultants Nelson\Nygaard, and Sabra, Wang Associates, met with Maryland SHA in Baltimore on Thursday to discuss the status of the New Hampshire Avenue Multi-way Boulevard Feasibility Study. The study, funded by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, explores the aspects of traffic configuration, stormwater facilities, utilities in the corridor, and bicycle accommodation for converting the roadway to a multi-way boulevard. For more information, see: www.theNewAve.com/development/projects/feasibility-study. (Housing and Community Development)

13. CRIME REPORT: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (March 22-28, 2013) may be viewed online at http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2013/03/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_28.html

14. TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: Officers conducted at least 97 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, two Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic and two vehicle impounds.

During March 21-28, 2013, the following details were completed:

March 21, 2013

Ethan Allen Ave & Jackson Ave (Stop Sign)- a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two State citations and three warnings

March 22, 2013

Erskine St & 13th Pl (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one warning

Hilltop Ave & Geneva Ave (Do Not Enter Sign)- a 15 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one State citation

March 23, 2013

Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued six State citations

New Hampshire Ave & Holton Ln (Red Light)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued four warnings

March 25, 2013

Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign)- a 90 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued five State citations

Philadelphia Ave & Holly Ave (Stop Sign)- a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two State citations

4th Ave & Westmoreland Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one State citation

March 27, 2013

Lincoln Ave & Elm Ave (Traffic Circle)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO)

4th Ave & Westmoreland Ave (Stop Sign)- a 90 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued three State citations and three warnings

Kansas Ln & Westmoreland Ave (Stop Sign)- a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two State citations and two warnings

6900 block New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader)- a 2 hour enforcement detail was conducted and issued four State citations

Philadelphia Ave & Holly Ave (Stop Sign)- a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two State citations

Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one warning

Hilltop Ave & Maple Ave (Do Not Enter)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two warnings

Erskine St & 13th Pl (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two warnings

March 28, 2013

Maple Ave & Tulip Ave (Stop Sign)- a 2 hour enforcement detail was conducted and issued twelve warnings

Hilltop Rd (One Way)- a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued three warnings

Erskine St & 13th Pl (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one State and three warnings

Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one State citation

6900 block New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader)- a 90 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued nine State citations

TRAFFIC OFFICER STATS (PFC Walter Smith):

Week of March 25-28

State citations: 32

Calls for service: 14

Reports: 5

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 4

Field Investigative Reports (FIR) written: 1

Warnings: 8

Foot Patrol: 3 hours

Court: 1 hour

